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**REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON
IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES¹**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 7.3 OF THE AGREEMENT
ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES (2017)**

PARAGUAY

The following notification, dated 27 February 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Paraguay.

Pursuant to Article 7.3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures and in response to the periodic request for submission of replies to the Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures contained in document G/LIC/3, please be advised that the notification submitted under Article 7.3 of the Agreement, as contained in document G/LIC/N/3/PRY/4 dated 5 February 2015, remains valid, except for some changes regarding made-up articles; footwear; wire, bars and rods of iron and/or steel and towers and lattice masts; and the introduction of new import licences for Portland cement and special cements; mobile cellular telephones, parts and motherboards; incandescent and fluorescent lamps; plastic bags and biodegradable bags; "touring class" ("T") protective helmets; and liquid petroleum gas (LPG).

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¹ See document G/LIC/3, Annex, for the Questionnaire.

1 MADE-UP ARTICLES

Outline of systems

1. The products covered by Ministerial Resolution No. 129/15 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade require prior authorization. Licences are approved in all cases where the established requirements are met, and are consistent with Article 2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the World Trade Organization.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Import licensing for made-up articles is an automatic procedure. It applies to the following tariff headings of the MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature (NCM) established in Decree No. 1421/09 and Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIC) Resolution No. 129/15.

6115.96.00	Panty hose, tights, leotards and graduated compression hosiery (for example, stockings for varicose veins), knitted or crocheted. Other: Of synthetic fibres
6201.13.00	Overcoats, raincoats, car-coats, capes, cloaks and similar articles: Of man-made fibres
6109.90.00	T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knitted or crocheted, of other textile materials.
6301.40.00	Blankets. Blankets (other than electric blankets) and travelling rugs, of synthetic fibres.
6202.13.00	Women's or girls' overcoats, raincoats, car-coats, capes, cloaks and similar articles: Of man-made fibres.
6302.21.00	Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen. Other bed linen, printed: Of cotton.
6304.19.90	Other furnishing articles, excluding those of heading 9404. Bedspreads. Of other textile materials.
6108.22.00	Women's and girls' briefs and panties, of man-made fibres.
6203.43.00	Men's or boys' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts,: of synthetic fibres.
6107.12.00	Men's or boys' underpants, of man-made fibres.
6204.63.00	Women's or girls' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts.: Of synthetic fibres.
6203.23.00	Men's or boys' ensembles, of synthetic fibres.
6205.30.00	Men's or boys' shirts. Of man-made fibres.
6302.60.00	Other table linen: toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton.
6212.10.00	Brassieres, girdles, corsets, braces, suspenders, garters and similar articles and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted.
6110.30.00	Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, of man-made fibres.
6109.10.00	T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knitted or crocheted, of cotton.

6115.10.93	Panty hose, tights, leotards and graduated compression hosiery (for example, stockings for varicose veins)
6115.10.93	Panty hose, tights, leotards and graduated compression hosiery (for example, stockings for varicose veins). Knitted or crocheted. Of synthetic fibres
6212.90.00	Brassieres, girdles, corsets, braces, suspenders, garters and similar articles and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted.
6116.93.00	Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted. Other: of synthetic fibres.
6204.23.00	Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear). Suits: Of synthetic fibres.
6103.43.00	Men's or boys' trousers, of synthetic fibres, knitted.
6203.33.00	Men's or boys' jackets and blazers, of synthetic fibres.
6106.20.00	Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses, knitted or crocheted. Of man-made fibres.
6306.12.00	Tarpaulins, awnings and sunblinds: Of synthetic fibres.
6204.62.00	Women's or girls' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts, of cotton.
6307.90.90	Other made up articles, including dress patterns. Other.
6203.42.00	Men's or boys' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts, of cotton.
6205.20.00	Men's or boys' shirts. Of cotton.
6206.40.00	Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses. Of man-made fibres.
5806.20.00	Narrow woven elastic fabrics containing over 5% of elastane.
5806.32.00	Narrow woven fabrics of man-made fibres.
5607.90.10	Woven cotton cord.

3. The system applies to goods originating in and coming from all countries.

4. The procedure is not intended to limit either the quantity or the value of imports. Its purpose is administrative, to obtain statistical data.

5. **Decree No. 1421/09** creating the register of importers of products from the made-up articles sector and establishing the prior import licensing regime.

Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIC) Resolution No. 129/2015 regulating and updating Decree No. 1421/09 "creating the register of importers of products from the made-up articles sector and establishing the prior import licensing regime" and repealing Resolution No. 1037 of 15 October 2014.

Yes, it is statutorily required.

The legislation itself establishes the products subject to licensing.

The Executive has the power to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6.I. No restrictions are applied as to the quantity or value of imports of products from the made-up articles sector.

II. Not applicable.

III. Licences are allocated to all made-up article importers registered with the National Customs Directorate and in the Ministry of Industry and Trade's register of importers of products from the made-up articles sector.

Digital authorizations are issued and must be presented together with the rest of the documentation required for inward customs clearance.

Not applicable.

They are not made known, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

IV. Not applicable.

V. Automatic licences are issued within the time-limits stipulated in the Agreement.

VI. The period of validity for import licences is 30 days from the date they are granted.

VII. Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

VIII. The criterion of chronological order of submission of applications is used for processing all import licences. There are no limits on the quantity of licences per importer.

IX. Not applicable.

X. Not applicable.

XI. No.

7.(a) Applications for licences may be submitted on any working day prior to the date of import clearance.

(b) If, for various reasons, the product has not arrived within the time stipulated and an application has been submitted, then yes, an extension can be granted, provided a request is made.

(c) There are no limitations.

(d) Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

8. There are no reasons for refusal other than those that derive from failure to comply with the requirements and in all cases the interested party is notified so that the errors observed can be rectified.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licences as long as they are registered as such in the register of importers of the National Customs Directorate and the MIC register of importers of products from the made-up articles sector, overseen by the Ministry of Industry and Trade's Under-Secretariat of State for Trade.

All persons and enterprises are entitled to register.

A fee is charged for importer registration.

There is no published list of authorized importers, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

Documentary and other requirements for licence applications

10. The information required in import licence applications is indicated on the respective application form.

The documents to be submitted are:

- (a) application form for a prior import licence available at the Single Window System for Imports (VUI);
- (b) a note addressed to the Minister for Industry and Trade;
- (c) packing list;
- (d) visaed or legalized commercial invoice for the export of the products to Paraguay which must include a detailed description and the unit price of the products concerned;
- (e) bill of lading;
- (f) certificate of tax compliance issued by the State Under-Secretariat of Taxation of the Ministry of Finance.

11. In all cases, in addition to the import licence, the documents needed for import clearance are required.

12. Yes, there is a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 64/14 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

13. Yes, it is subject to payment of a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 64/14 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Conditions of licensing

14. Import licences for products from the made-up articles sector are valid for 30 days from the date of issue, with the possibility of extension at the importer's request.

15. No.

16. Licences are non-transferrable and are issued only to the holders themselves or to authorized persons or agents duly accredited as such.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. There are no restrictions on access to foreign exchange.

2 FOOTWEAR

Outline of systems

1. The products covered by Ministerial Resolution No. 150/15 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade require prior authorization. Licences are approved in all cases where the established requirements are met, and are consistent with Article 2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the World Trade Organization.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Import licensing for footwear is an automatic procedure. It applies to the following tariff headings of the MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature (NCM) established in Ministerial Resolution Nº 150/15 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

64.01	WATERPROOF FOOTWEAR WITH OUTER SOLES AND UPPERS OF RUBBER OR OF PLASTICS, THE UPPERS OF WHICH ARE NEITHER FIXED TO THE SOLE NOR ASSEMBLED BY STITCHING, RIVETING, NAILING, SCREWING, PLUGGING OR SIMILAR PROCESSES.
6401.10.00	- Footwear incorporating a protective metal toe-cap
	- Other footwear:
6401.92.00	- - Covering the ankle but not covering the knee
6401.99	- - Other
6401.99.90	Other
64.02	OTHER FOOTWEAR WITH OUTER SOLES AND UPPERS OF RUBBER OR PLASTICS.
6402.20.00	- Footwear with upper straps or thongs assembled to the sole by means of plugs
64.03	FOOTWEAR WITH OUTER SOLES OF RUBBER, PLASTICS, LEATHER OR COMPOSITION LEATHER AND UPPERS OF LEATHER.
6403.20.00	- Footwear with outer soles of leather, and uppers which consist of leather straps across the instep and around the big toe
6403.40.00	- Other footwear, incorporating a protective metal toe-cap
	- Other footwear with outer soles of leather:
6403.51	- - Covering the ankle
6403.51.10	Footwear made on a base or platform of wood, not having an inner sole
6403.51.90	Other
6403.59	- - Other
6403.59.10	Footwear made on a base or platform of wood, not having an inner sole
6403.59.90	Other
	- Other footwear:
6403.91	- - Covering the ankle
6403.91.10	Footwear made on a base or platform of wood, not having an inner sole
6403.91.90	Other
6403.99	- - Other
6403.99.10	Footwear made on a base or platform of wood, not having an inner sole
64.04	FOOTWEAR WITH OUTER SOLES OF RUBBER, PLASTICS, LEATHER OR COMPOSITION LEATHER AND UPPERS OF TEXTILE MATERIALS.
	- Footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastics
6404.11.00	- - Sports footwear; tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like
6404.19.00	- - Other
6404.20.00	- Footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather
64.05	OTHER FOOTWEAR
6405.10	- With uppers of leather or composition leather
6405.10.10	With outer soles of rubber or plastic and uppers of composition leather
	With outer soles of leather or composition leather and uppers of composition leather
6405.10.20	composition leather
6405.10.90	Other
6405.90.00	- Other
64.06	PARTS OF FOOTWEAR (INCLUDING UPPERS WHETHER OR NOT ATTACHED TO SOLES OTHER THAN OUTER SOLES); REMOVABLE INSOLES, HEEL CUSHIONS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES; GAITERS, LEGGINGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES, AND PARTS THEREOF.
6406.10.00	- Uppers and parts thereof, other than stiffeners
6406.20.00	- Outer soles and heels, of rubber or plastics
6406.90.20	Inner soles
6406.90.90	Other

3. The system applies to goods originating in and coming from all countries.

4. The procedure is not intended to limit either the quantity or the value of imports. Its purpose is administrative, to obtain statistical data.

5. **Decree No. 10.350/2012** creating the register of importers of footwear sector products and establishing the prior import licensing regime.

Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIC) Resolution No. 150/15 regulating and updating Decree No. 10.350/12 "creating the register of importers of footwear sector products and establishing the prior import licensing regime" and repealing Resolution No. 1029 of 10 October 2014.

Yes, it is statutorily required.

The legislation itself establishes the products subject to licensing.

The Executive has the power to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6.I. No restrictions are applied as to the quantity or value of imports of footwear from other countries.

II. Not applicable.

III. Licences are allocated to all footwear importers registered with the National Customs Directorate and in the register of footwear sector products of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Digital authorizations are issued and must be presented together with the rest of the documentation required for inward customs clearance.

Not applicable.

They are not made known, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

IV. Not applicable.

V. Automatic licences are issued within the time-limits stipulated in the Agreement.

VI. The period of validity for import licences is 30 days from the date of issue.

VII. The administrative organ is the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

VIII. The criterion of chronological order of submission of applications is used for processing all import licences. There are no limits on the quantity of licences per importer.

IX. Not applicable.

X. Not applicable.

XI. No.

7.(a) Applications for licences may be submitted on any working day prior to the date of import clearance.

(b) If, for various reasons, the product has not arrived within the time stipulated and an application has been submitted, then yes, an extension can be granted, provided a request is made.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

8. There are no reasons for refusal other than those that derive from failure to comply with the requirements and in all cases the interested party is notified so that the errors observed can be rectified.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licences as long as they are registered as such in the register of importers of the National Customs Directorate and the register of importers of footwear sector products, overseen by the Ministry of Industry and Trade's Under-Secretariat of State for Trade.

All persons and enterprises are entitled to register.

A registration fee is charged.

Documentary and other requirements for licence applications

10. The information required in import licence applications is indicated on the respective application form.

The documents to be submitted are:

- (a) application form for a prior import licence available at the Single Window System for Imports (VUI);
- (b) a note addressed to the Minister for Industry and Trade;
- (c) packing list;
- (d) visaed or legalized commercial invoice for the export of the products to Paraguay which must include a detailed description and the unit price of the products concerned;
- (e) bill of lading;
- (f) certificate of tax compliance issued by the State Under-Secretariat of Taxation of the Ministry of Finance.

11. In all cases, in addition to the import licence, the documents needed for import clearance are required.

12. Yes, there is a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 64/14 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

13. Yes, it is subject to payment of a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 64/14 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Conditions of licensing

14. The import licence for footwear sector products is valid for 30 days from the date of issue, with the possibility of extension at the importer's request.

15. No.

16. Licences are non-transferrable and are issued only to the holders themselves or to authorized persons or agents duly accredited as such.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. There are no restrictions on access to foreign exchange.

3 BARS AND RODS OF IRON AND STEEL

Outline of systems

1. The products covered by Ministerial Resolution No. 531/2015 as amended by Ministerial Resolution No. 939/2016 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade require prior authorization from the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIC). Licences are approved in the light of the market situation where the full documentary requirements are met, and are consistent with Article 3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the World Trade Organization.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Import licensing for bars and rods of iron and steel is a non-automatic procedure. It applies to the following tariff headings established in Annex I to Decree No. 531/2015 as amended by MIC Resolution No. 939/2016.

7213.10.00	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process.
7213.20.00	Hot-rolled bars of non-alloy steel.
7214.20.00	Naturally hard, hot-rolled, shaped rods.
7214.30.00	Other, of free-cutting steel.

3. The system applies to goods originating in and coming from all countries.

4. The procedure is not intended to limit either the quantity or the value of imports. The measure is implemented in order to regulate the supply of the product on the market.

5. **Resolution No. 1043/2014** creating the register of importers and establishing the prior import licensing regime for wire, bars and rods of iron and/or steel and towers and lattice masts.

MIC Resolution No. 531/2015 establishing the prior import licensing regime for bars and rods of iron and steel.

MIC Resolution No. 980/2015 amending and expanding Resolution No. 531/15 "establishing the prior import licensing regime for bars and rods of iron and steel".

MIC Resolution No 939/2016 amending Article 1 and the Annex of Resolution 531/2015 "establishing the prior import licensing regime for bars and rods of iron and steel".

Yes, it is statutorily required.

The legislation itself establishes the products subject to licensing.

The Executive has the power to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6.I. No restrictions are applied as to the quantity or value of imports of bars and rods of iron and steel from other countries.

II. Not applicable.

III. Licences are allocated to all importers of bars and rods of iron and steel who are registered with the National Customs Directorate and in the register of wire, bars and rods of iron and/or steel and towers and lattice masts of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Digital certificates are issued and must be presented together with the rest of the documentation required for inward customs clearance.

Not applicable.

They are not made known, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

IV. Not applicable.

V. Automatic licences are issued within the time-limits stipulated in the Agreement.

VI. The period of validity for import licences is 30 days from the date of issue.

VII. The administrative organ is the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

VIII. The criterion of chronological order of submission of applications is used for processing all import licences. There are no limits on the quantity of licences per importer.

IX. Not applicable.

X. Not applicable.

XI. No.

7.(a) Applications for licences may be submitted on any working day prior to the date of import clearance.

(b) If, for various reasons, the product has not arrived within the time stipulated and an application has been submitted, then yes, an extension can be granted, provided a request is made.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

8. There are no reasons for refusal other than those that derive from the market situation or failure to comply with the requirements and in all cases the interested party is notified so that the errors observed can be rectified.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licences as long as they are registered as such in the register of importers of the National Customs Directorate and the register of importers of products from the wire, bars and rods of iron and/or steel and towers and lattice masts sector, overseen by the Ministry of Industry and Trade's Under-Secretariat of State for Trade.

All persons and enterprises are entitled to register.

A registration fee is charged.

Documentary and other requirements for licence applications

10. The information required in import licence applications is indicated on the respective application form.

The documents to be submitted are:

1. A note addressed to the Minister for Industry and Trade, which in the case of physical persons must be signed by the applicant, and in the case of legal persons must be signed by one of the current directors or by the legal representative, who must provide evidence of authorization to act.
2. A completed application form for a prior import licence. The application form must not contain any erasures or alterations. ANNEX III.

3. Submit an authenticated copy of the following documents:
- a. packing list with the respective eight-digit NCM codes (Tariff Heading);
 - b. entry on the register of importers of wire, bars and rods of iron and/or steel and towers and lattice masts, issued by the Ministry of Industry and Trade;
 - c. legalized commercial invoice for the export of the products to Paraguay which must include a detailed description and the unit price of the products concerned. Where the invoice is over one page long each page must be legalized and authenticated;
 - d. bill of lading;
 - e. certificate of tax compliance issued by the State Under-Secretariat of Taxation of the Ministry of Finance.
 - f. payment slip for the corresponding fee.

In addition to the requirements laid down in the preceding article, where necessary, prior licence applicants must attach to their application an authenticated copy of their licence to use the INTN mark of conformity with technical standards, having regard to the regulations set out in Decree No. 10.809/2000 and Decree No. 11.575/07.

11. In all cases, in addition to the import licence, the documents needed for import clearance are required.

12. Yes, there is a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 64/14 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

13. Yes, it is subject to payment of a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 64/14 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Conditions of licensing

14. Import licences for bars and rods of iron and steel are valid for 30 days from the date of issue, with the possibility of extension at the importer's request.

15. No.

16. Licences are non-transferrable and are issued only to the holders themselves or to authorized persons or agents duly accredited as such.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. There are no restrictions on access to foreign exchange.

4 PORTLAND CEMENT AND SPECIAL CEMENTS

Outline of systems

1. The products covered by Decree No. 6533/2016 and its implementing regulations as set out in Ministerial Resolution No 09/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade require prior authorization from the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIC). Licences are approved in the light of the market situation where the full documentary requirements are met, and are consistent with Article 3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the World Trade Organization.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Import licensing for Portland cement and special cements is a non-automatic procedure. It applies to the following tariff headings established in Annex I to Decree No. 6533/2016.

<u>NCM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
25.23	PORTLAND CEMENT, ALUMINOUS CEMENT, SLAG CEMENT, SUPERSULPHATE CEMENT AND SIMILAR HYDRAULIC CEMENTS, WHETHER OR NOT COLOURED OR IN THE FORM OF CLINKERS.
2523.10.00	- Cement clinkers
2523.21.00	- Portland cement:
	- White cement, whether or not artificially coloured
2523.29	- Other
2523.29.10	- Ordinary cement
2523.29.90	- Other
2523.30.00	- Aluminous cement
2523.90.00	- Other hydraulic cements

3. The system applies to goods originating in and coming from all countries.

4. The procedure is not intended to limit either the quantity or the value of imports. The measure is implemented in order to regulate the supply of the product on the market.

5. **Decree No. 6533/2016** establishing the prior import licensing regime for Portland cement and special cements.

MIC Resolution No. 09/2017 regulating Decree No 6.533 of 21 December 2016 and laying down the requirements that must be satisfied for the grant of a prior import licence for Portland cement and special cements.

Yes, it is statutorily required.

The legislation itself establishes the products subject to licensing.

The Executive has the power to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6.I. No restrictions are applied as to the quantity or value of imports of Portland cement and special cements from other countries.

II. Not applicable.

III. Licences are allocated to all Portland cement and special cements importers registered with the National Customs Directorate and in the Ministry of Industry and Trade's register of importers of cement held by the Directorate-General of Domestic Trade, overseen by the Under-Secretariat of State for Trade of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Digital authorizations are issued and must be presented together with the rest of the documentation required for inward customs clearance.

Not applicable.

They are not made known, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

IV. Not applicable.

V. Automatic licences are issued within the time-limits stipulated in the Agreement.

VI. The period of validity for import licences is 30 days from the date of issue.

- VII. The administrative organ is the Ministry of Industry and Trade.
- VIII. The criterion of chronological order of submission of applications is used for processing all import licences. There are no limits on the quantity of licences per importer.
- IX. Not applicable.
- X. Not applicable.
- XI. No.
- 7.(a) Applications for licences may be submitted on any working day prior to the date of import clearance.
- (b) If, for various reasons, the product has not arrived within the time stipulated and an application has been submitted, then yes, an extension can be granted, provided a request is made.
- (c) No.
- (d) Yes.
8. There are no reasons for refusal other than those that derive from the market situation or failure to comply with the requirements and in all cases the interested party is notified for information purposes.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licences as long as they are registered as such in the register of importers of cement held by the Directorate-General of Domestic Trade, overseen by the Ministry of Industry and Trade's Under-Secretariat of State for Trade.

All persons and enterprises are entitled to register.

A registration fee is charged.

Documentary and other requirements for licence applications

10. The information required in import licence applications is indicated on the respective application form.

Applications for non-automatic prior import licences as established in Decree No. 6.533/2016 must satisfy the following requirements in accordance with Ministerial Resolution No. 09/2017:

1. A note addressed to the Minister for Industry and Trade, which in the case of legal persons must be signed by the firm's legal representative, and in the case of physical persons must be signed by the applicant;
2. Submission of an authenticated copy of the following documents:
 - a. packing list with the respective eight-digit NCM codes (tariff codes) as set out in a *pro forma* invoice;
 - b. registration as an importer of cement;
 - c. licence to use the INTN Mark;
 - d. *pro forma* invoice;
 - e. certificate of tax compliance issued by the State Under-Secretariat of Taxation of the Ministry of Finance;
 - f. fee payment slip.

11. In all cases, in addition to the import licence, the documents needed for import clearance are required.

12. Yes, there is a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 09/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

13. Yes, it is subject to payment of a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 09/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Conditions of licensing

14. Import licences for Portland cement and special cements are valid for 30 days from the date of issue, with the possibility of extension at the importer's request.

15. No.

16. Licences are non-transferrable and are issued only to the holders themselves or to authorized persons or agents duly accredited as such.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. There are no restrictions on access to foreign exchange.

5 MOBILE CELLULAR TELEPHONES, MOBILE CELLULAR TELEPHONE PARTS AND SEPARATE (NOT INTEGRATED INTO FINISHED MOBILE CELLULAR TELEPHONES) MOTHERBOARDS (ELECTRONIC BOARDS OR MAINBOARDS)

Outline of systems

1. The products covered by Decree No. 6832/2017 and Ministerial Resolution No. 410/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade require prior authorization. Licences to import mobile cellular telephones are approved in all cases where the established requirements are met, and are consistent with Article 2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the World Trade Organization.

Licences to import mobile cellular telephone parts and separate (not integrated into finished mobile cellular telephones) motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards) are approved or refused in the light of import needs analysis, and are consistent with Article 3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the World Trade Organization.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Import licensing for made-up articles is an automatic procedure. It applies to the following tariff headings of the MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature (NCM), established in Decree 6832/2017:

<u>NCM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
8517.12.3	Telephones for cellular networks, other than satellite
8517.12.31	Portable
8517.70.99	Parts and accessories for cellular telephones
8517.70.10.	Motherboards for cellular telephones

3. The system applies to goods originating in and coming from all countries.

4. The procedure is not intended to limit either the quantity or the value of imports. In respect of NCM tariff subheadings 8517.12.3 and 8517.12.31 its administrative purpose is quality control, registration and collection of statistical data.

In respect of NCM tariff subheadings 8517.70.99 and 8517.70.10: the measure being implemented through the import licensing procedure is control, registration and collection of statistical data.

5. **Decree No. 6832/2017** Creating the register of importers of mobile cellular telephones, the register of importers of mobile cellular telephone parts and the register of importers of separate (not integrated into finished mobile cellular telephones) motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards) and establishing the mandatory certification by the National Telecommunications Commission (CONATEL) of mobile cellular telephones, the prior import licensing regime for mobile cellular telephones, the NON-automatic prior import licensing regime for mobile cellular telephone parts and the NON-automatic prior import licensing regime for separate (not integrated into finished mobile cellular telephones) motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards).

Resolution No. 410/2017 Regulating Decree No. 6.832 of 28 February 2017 establishing the institutional procedures for the registration of importers, automatic and non-automatic prior licensing and mandatory certification of mobile cellular telephones, mobile cellular telephone parts and separate (not integrated into finished mobile cellular telephones) motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards).

Yes, it is statutorily required.

The legislation itself establishes the products subject to licensing.

The Executive has the power to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6.I. No restrictions are applied as to the quantity or value of imports of mobile cellular telephones, mobile cellular telephone parts and separate (not integrated into finished mobile cellular telephones) motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards) from other countries.

II. Not applicable.

III. Licences are allocated to all importers registered with the National Customs Directorate and in the register of importers of mobile cellular telephones, mobile cellular telephone parts and separate (not integrated into finished mobile cellular telephones) motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards) of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Digital authorizations are issued and must be presented together with the rest of the documentation required for inward customs clearance.

Not applicable.

They are not made known, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

IV. Not applicable.

V. Automatic licences are issued within the time-limits stipulated in the Agreement.

VI. The period of validity for import licences is 30 days from the date they are granted.

VII. Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

VIII. The criterion of chronological order of submission of applications is used for processing all import licences. There are no limits on the quantity of licences per importer.

IX. Not applicable.

X. Not applicable.

XI. No.

- 7.(a) Applications for licences may be submitted on any working day prior to the date of import clearance.
- (b) If, for various reasons, the product has not arrived within the time stipulated and an application has been submitted, then yes, an extension can be granted, provided a request is made.
- (c) There are no limitations.
- (d) Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

8. In respect of NCM tariff subheadings 8517.12.3 and 8517.12.31 there are no reasons for refusal other than those that derive from failure to comply with the requirements and in all cases the interested party is notified so that the errors observed can be rectified.

In respect of NCM tariff subheadings 8517.70.99 and 8517.70.10 there are no reasons for refusal other than those that derive from legal justification for import or failure to comply with the requirements of Ministerial Resolution No. 410/2017 and in all cases the interested party is notified for the relevant purposes.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licences as long as they are registered as such in the register of importers of the National Customs Directorate and the register of importers of mobile cellular telephones, mobile cellular telephone parts and separate (not integrated into finished mobile cellular telephones) motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards) of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

All persons and enterprises are entitled to register.

A fee is charged for importer registration.

There is no published list of authorized importers, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

Documentary and other requirements for licence applications

10. The information required in import licence applications is indicated on the respective application form.

NCM 8517.12.3 NCM 8517.12.31

Telephones for cellular networks, other than satellite Portable

1. Application for a prior import licence for mobile cellular telephones in a note addressed to the Minister for Industry and Trade.
2. Completed application form for a prior import licence for mobile cellular telephones, as contained in Annex IV.
3. Certificate of registration in the register of importers of mobile cellular telephones.
4. Authenticated copy of the following documents:
 - 4.1 packing list with the respective eight-digit tariff heading codes;
 - 4.2 *pro forma* invoice;
 - 4.3 certificate of tax compliance issued by the State Under-Secretariat of Taxation (SET) of the Ministry of Finance;
 - 4.4. payment slip for the corresponding fee.
5. Details of the importer or importing enterprise:
 - 5.1. company name;
 - 5.2. principal activity;
 - 5.3 Single Taxpayer Registration (RUC) number;
 - 5.4 address, city, department, district;
 - 5.5 telephone number, fax number, email address.

- 5.6 Details of the imported product:
 - 5.6.1. brand;
 - 5.6.2. country of origin, provenance;
 - 5.6.3 quantity in units and total value to be imported.
- 5.7 Details of the exporter:
 - 5.7.1. name or company name;
 - 5.7.2 country/city/address;
 - 5.7.3. telephone number;
 - 5.7.4 email/website address;
 - 5.7.5 tax identification number.
- 5.8 Certificate of type-approval of mobile cellular telephones issued by the National Telecommunications Commission (CONATEL).
- 5.9 Certificate of entry by CONATEL on the IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) register provided to the importer by the manufacturers of the mobile cellular telephones to be imported.

NCM 8517.70.99**Parts and accessories for cellular telephones**

1. Application for non-automatic prior import licence for mobile cellular telephone parts in a note addressed to the Minister for Industry and Trade.
2. Completed application form for a non-automatic prior import licence for mobile cellular telephone parts, as contained in Annex V.
3. Certificate of registration in the register of importers of mobile cellular telephone parts.
4. Authenticated copy of the following documents:
 - 4.1 packing list with the respective eight-digit tariff heading codes;
 - 4.2 *pro forma* invoice;
 - 4.3 certificate of tax compliance issued by the State Under-Secretariat of Taxation of the Ministry of Finance;
 - 4.4. payment slip for the corresponding fee.
5. Details of the importer or importing enterprise:
 - 5.1. company name;
 - 5.2. principal activity;
 - 5.3 Single Taxpayer Registration number;
 - 5.4 address, city, department, district;
 - 5.5 telephone number, fax number, email address.
6. Details of the imported product:
 - 6.1 brand;
 - 6.2. country of origin, provenance;
 - 6.3 quantity in units and total value to be imported.
7. Details of the exporter:
 - 7.1. name or company name;
 - 7.2 country/city/address;
 - 7.3 telephone number;
 - 7.4 email/website address;
 - 7.5 tax identification number.

NCM 8517.70.10**Motherboards for cellular telephones**

1. Application for non-automatic prior import licence for separate (not integrated into finished mobile cellular telephones) motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards) for mobile cellular telephones in a note addressed to the Minister for Industry and Trade
2. Completed application form for a non-automatic prior import licence for separate (not integrated into finished mobile cellular telephones) motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards), as contained in Annex VI.
3. Certificate of registration in the register of importers of separate (not integrated into finished mobile cellular telephones) motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards).
4. Certificate of entry by CONATEL on the IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) register provided to the importer by the manufacturers of the mobile cellular telephones to be imported.

5. Authenticated copy of the following documents:
 - 5.1 packing list with the respective eight-digit tariff heading codes;
 - 5.2 *pro forma* invoice;
 - 5.3 certificate of tax compliance issued by the State Under-Secretariat of Taxation of the Ministry of Finance;
 - 5.4. payment slip for the corresponding fee.
6. Details of the importer or importing enterprise:
 - 6.1. company name;
 - 6.2. principal activity;
 - 6.3 Single Taxpayer Registration (RUC) number;
 - 6.4 address, city, department, district;
 - 6.5 telephone number, fax number, email address.
7. Details of the imported product:
 - 7.1. brand;
 - 7.2. country of origin, provenance;
 - 7.3 quantity in units and total value to be imported.
8. Details of the exporter:
 - 8.1. name or company name;
 - 8.2 country/city/address;
 - 8.3 telephone number;
 - 8.4 email/website address;
 - 8.5 tax identification number.

11. In all cases, in addition to the import licence, the documents needed for import clearance are required.

12. Yes, there is a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 410/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

13. Yes, there is a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 410/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Conditions of licensing

14. Import licences for mobile cellular telephones, mobile cellular telephone parts and separate (not integrated into finished mobile cellular telephones) motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards) are valid for 30 days from the date of issue, with the possibility of extension at the importer's request.

15. No.

16. Licences are non-transferrable and are issued only to the holders themselves or to authorized persons or agents duly accredited as such.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. There are no restrictions on access to foreign exchange.

6 INCANDESCENT AND FLUORESCENT LAMPS

Outline of systems

1. The products covered by Decree No. 7103/2017 will require prior authorization once regulations by the Ministry of Industry and Trade are issued. Licences will be approved in all cases where the established requirements are met, and are consistent with Article 2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the World Trade Organization.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Import licensing for incandescent and fluorescent lamps is an automatic procedure. It applies to the following tariff headings of the MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature (NCM) established in Decree No. 7103/2017.

<u>NCM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
8539.22.00	Other, of a power not exceeding 200 W and for a voltage exceeding 100 V (incandescent lamps).
8539.31.00	Fluorescent, hot cathode (compact fluorescent lamps – low consumption)
8539.29.90	Other

3. The system applies to goods originating in and coming from all countries.

4. The procedure is not intended to limit either the quantity or the value of imports. Its purpose is quality control, registration and collection of statistical data.

5. **Decree No. 7.103/2017** Creating the register of manufacturers and importers of incandescent and fluorescent lamps under the authority of the Ministry of Industry and Trade and establishing the prior import licensing regime and mandatory energy efficiency certification.

Yes, it is statutorily required.

The legislation itself establishes the products subject to licensing.

The Executive has the power to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6.I. No restrictions are applied as to the quantity or value of imports of incandescent and fluorescent lamps from other countries.

II. Not applicable.

III. Licences will be allocated to all importers registered in the National Customs Directorate and the register of manufacturers and importers of incandescent and fluorescent lamps overseen by the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Digital authorizations are issued and must be presented together with the rest of the documentation required for inward customs clearance.

Not applicable.

They are not made known, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

IV. Not applicable.

V. Automatic licences are issued within the time-limits stipulated in the Agreement.

VI. Regulation is pending.

VII. Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

VIII. The criterion of chronological order of submission of applications is used for processing all import licences. There are no limits on the quantity of licences per importer.

IX. Not applicable.

X. Not applicable.

XI. No.

- 7.(a) Applications for licences may be submitted on any working day prior to the date of import clearance.
- (b) If, for various reasons, the product has not arrived within the time stipulated and an application has been submitted, then yes, an extension can be granted, provided a request is made.
- (c) There are no limitations.
- (d) Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

8. There are no reasons for refusal other than those that derive from failure to comply with the requirements and in all cases the interested party is notified so that the errors observed can be rectified.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licences as long as they are registered as such in the register of importers of the National Customs Directorate and the register of importers of incandescent and fluorescent lamps, overseen by the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

All persons and enterprises are entitled to register.

A fee is charged for importer registration.

There is no published list of authorized importers, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

Documentary and other requirements for licence applications

10. The information required for import licence applications is pending regulation. Once promulgated, it will be published on the web-page <http://www.snin.gov.py>.

11. In all cases, in addition to the import licence, the documents needed for import clearance are required.

12. Pending regulation.

13. Pending regulation.

Conditions of licensing

14. Pending regulation.

15. No.

16. Licences are non-transferrable and are issued only to the holders themselves or to authorized persons or agents duly accredited as such.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. There are no restrictions on access to foreign exchange.

7 PLASTIC BAGS AND BIODEGRADABLE BAGS

Outline of systems

1. The products covered by Ministerial Resolution No. 353/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade will require prior authorization from 1 September 2018. Licences will be approved in all cases where the established requirements are met, and are consistent with Article 2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the World Trade Organization.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Import licensing for plastic bags and biodegradable bags is an automatic procedure. It applies to the following tariff headings of the MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature (NCM), for the products described in Ministerial Resolution No. 353/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade:

Plastic bags and biodegradable bags

<u>NCM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
3923.21	- Sacks and bags (including cones):
3923.21.10	- - Of polymers of ethylene
3923.21.90	Of a capacity not exceeding 1,000 cm ³
	Other

3. The system applies to goods originating in and coming from all countries.

4. The procedure is not intended to limit either the quantity or the value of imports. Its purpose is quality control, registration and collection of statistical data.

5. **Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIC) Resolution No. 353/2017** implementing Article 2 of Decree No. 5.537/2016 regulating Law No. 5.414/2015 "Promoting the reduced use of polyethylene plastic" and establishing the prior import licensing regime for plastic bags and biodegradable bags.

Yes, it is statutorily required.

The legislation itself establishes the products subject to licensing.

The Executive has the power to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6.I. No restrictions are applied as to the quantity or value of imports of plastic bags and biodegradable bags from other countries.

II. Not applicable.

III. Licences will be allocated to all importers registered with the National Customs Directorate and in the register of importers of plastic bags and biodegradable bags of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Digital certificates are issued and must be presented together with the rest of the documentation required for inward customs clearance.

Not applicable.

They are not made known, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

IV. Not applicable.

V. Automatic licences will be issued within the time-limits stipulated in the Agreement.

- VI. The period of validity for import licences is 30 days from the date they are granted.
 - VII. Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade.
 - VIII. The criterion of chronological order of submission of applications is used for processing all import licences. There are no limits on the quantity of licences per importer.
 - IX. Not applicable.
 - X. Not applicable.
 - XI. No.
- 7.(a) Applications for licences may be submitted on any working day prior to the date of import clearance.
- (b) If, for various reasons, the product has not arrived within the time stipulated and an application has been submitted, then yes, an extension can be granted, provided a request is made.
- (c) There are no limitations.
- (d) Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade.
8. There are no reasons for refusal other than those that derive from failure to comply with the requirements and in all cases the interested party is notified so that the errors observed can be rectified.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licences as long as they are registered as such in the register of importers of the National Customs Directorate and the Ministry of Industry and Trade's register of importers of plastic bags and biodegradable bags, overseen by the Under-Secretariat of State for Trade.

All persons and enterprises will be entitled to register.

A fee is charged for importer registration.

There is no published list of authorized importers, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

Documentary and other requirements for licence applications

10. The information required in import licence applications is indicated on the respective application form.

Prior import licence applications must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Application for import licence in a note addressed to the Minister for Industry and Trade.
2. Completed application form for a prior import licence as contained in Annex VI of MIC Resolution No. 353/2017, of which it forms part.
3. Certificate of registration in the register of manufacturers and importers of plastic bags and biodegradable bags.
4. *Pro forma* business invoice for the import of the products in respect of which a licence is sought.
5. Packing list with the respective eight-digit tariff heading codes as set out in the *pro forma* invoice.

6. Details of the importer or importing enterprise:
 - 6.1. company name;
 - 6.2. principal activity;
 - 6.3. Single Taxpayer Registration (RUC) number;
 - 6.4. address, city, department, district;
 - 6.5. address of sales premises and warehouses;
 - 6.6. telephone number, fax number, email address.
7. Details of the imported product:
 - 7.1. brand;
 - 7.2. country of origin, provenance;
 - 7.3. volume and total value to be imported, by origin;
 - 7.4. details of the exporter in the country of origin;
 - 7.5. certificate provided for in Article 6 of this Resolution;
 - 7.6. record of payment of the appropriate fee.

11. In all cases, in addition to the import licence, the documents needed for import clearance are required.

12. Yes, there is a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 353/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

13. Yes, it is subject to payment of a fee amounting to seven times the minimum daily wage, i.e. G-549,535, as established in Resolution No. 353/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Conditions of licensing

14. Import licences for products from the made-up articles sector are valid for 30 days from the date of issue, with the possibility of extension at the importer's request.

15. No.

16. Licences are non-transferrable and are issued only to the holders themselves or to authorized persons or agents duly accredited as such.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. There are no restrictions on access to foreign exchange.

8 "TOURING CLASS" ("T") PROTECTIVE HELMETS

Outline of systems

1. The products covered by Decree No. 7621/2017 require prior authorization. Licences are approved in all cases where the established requirements are met, and are consistent with Article 2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the World Trade Organization.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Import licensing for "touring class" ("T") protective helmets intended for drivers and passengers of two-wheel, three-wheel or four-wheel motorcycles without cabs in **Tariff Subheading 6506.10.00** of the Mercosur Common Nomenclature (NCM) – Safety headgear, is an automatic procedure.

3. The system applies to goods originating in and coming from all countries.

4. The procedure is not intended to limit either the quantity or the value of imports. Its purpose is quality control, registration and collection of statistical data.

5. **Decree No. 7.621/2017** creating the register of manufacturers and importers of "touring class" ("T") protective helmets intended for drivers and passengers of two-wheel, three-wheel or four-wheel motorcycles without cabs, and establishing the mandatory certification, the prior import licensing regime and the marking and labelling of such helmets.

Yes, it is statutorily required.

The legislation itself establishes the products subject to licensing.

The Executive has the power to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6.I. No restrictions are applied as to the quantity or value of imports of "touring class" ("T") protective helmets from other countries.

II. Not applicable.

III. Licences are allocated to all importers registered with the National Customs Directorate and in the register of manufacturers and importers of "touring class" ("T") protective helmets of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Digital certificates are issued and must be presented together with the rest of the documentation required for inward customs clearance.

Not applicable.

They are not made known, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

IV. Not applicable.

V. Automatic licences are issued within the time-limits stipulated in the Agreement.

VI. The period of validity for import licences is 30 days from the date they are granted.

VII. Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

VIII. The criterion of chronological order of submission of applications is used for processing all import licences. There are no limits on the quantity of licences per importer.

IX. Not applicable.

X. Not applicable.

XI. No.

7.(a) Applications for licences may be submitted on any working day prior to the date of import clearance.

(b) If, for various reasons, the product has not arrived within the time stipulated and an application has been submitted, then yes, an extension can be granted, provided a request is made.

(c) There are no limitations.

(d) Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

8. There are no reasons for refusal other than those that derive from failure to comply with the requirements and in all cases the interested party is notified so that the errors observed can be rectified.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licences as long as they are registered as such in the register of importers of the National Customs Directorate and the register of importers of "touring class" ("T") protective helmets, overseen by the Ministry of Industry and Trade's Under-Secretariat of State for Trade.

All persons and enterprises are entitled to register.

A fee will be charged for importer registration.

There is no published list of authorized importers, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

Documentary and other requirements for licence applications

10. The information required in import licence applications is indicated on the respective application form.

The documents to be submitted are pending regulation by the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

11. In all cases, in addition to the import licence, the documents needed for import clearance will be required.

12. Pending regulation.

13. Pending regulation.

Conditions of licensing

14. Import licences for "touring class" ("T") protective helmets will be valid for 30 days from the date of issue. The possibility of extension is pending regulation.

15. No.

16. Licences are non-transferrable and are issued only to the holders themselves or to authorized persons or agents duly accredited as such.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. There are no restrictions on access to foreign exchange.

9 LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS**Outline of systems**

1. The products covered by Decree No. 7427/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade require prior authorization. That Decree is pending Regulation by the implementing authority (Ministry of Industry and Trade). Licences are approved in all cases where the established requirements are met, and are consistent with Article 2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the World Trade Organization.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Import licensing for made-up articles is an automatic procedure. It applies in respect of the import of the products under the following tariff headings:

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|----|------------|-----------------------------------|
| a. | 2711.19.10 | Liquid petroleum gas |
| b. | 2711.12.10 | Liquefied petroleum gas – Propane |
| c. | 2711.13.00 | Liquefied petroleum gas – Butane |

3. The system applies to goods originating in and coming from all countries.

4. The procedure is not intended to limit either the quantity or the value of imports. Its purpose is administrative, to obtain statistical data and control the quality of the product.

5. **Decree N° 7427/2017** which amends Article 6 and broadens the scope of Decree No. 15.124/2001, establishes the prior import licensing regime for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in the Republic of Paraguay, and introduces minimum quality requirements for LPG imports.

Yes, it is statutorily required.

The legislation itself establishes the products subject to licensing.

The Executive has the power to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6.I. No restrictions are applied as to the quantity or value of imports of liquid petroleum gas (LPG) from other countries.

II. Not applicable.

III. Licences are allocated to all importers registered with the National Customs Directorate, to fractioning and distribution companies, and to liquid petroleum gas (LPG) storage facilities that are duly registered and authorized at the LPG Department overseen by the Directorate-General of Fuels at the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Digital certificates are issued and must be presented together with the rest of the documentation required for inward customs clearance.

Not applicable.

They are not made known, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

IV. Not applicable.

V. Automatic licences are issued within the time-limits stipulated in the Agreement.

VI. The period of validity for import licences is 30 days from the date they are granted.

VII. Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, nonetheless. Once the import has been received but before it has been stored in storage facility tanks, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, acting at the importer's cost and through the National Institute of Technology, Standardization and Metrology (INTN), will take samples of the imported products for the purpose of density analysis at 15°C, as provided for in Standard ASTM-IP-API Tables 53 and 54.

Within no more than 24 hours the National Institute of Technology, Standardization and Metrology must inform the Ministry of Industry and Trade through the Single Window System for Imports (VUI) of the results of the characterization (density) analysis of the samples taken.

The importer will not be authorized to unload imported LPG products before the INTN has sampled them.

VIII. The criterion of chronological order of submission of applications is used for processing all import licences. There are no limits on the quantity of licences per importer.

IX. Not applicable.

X. Not applicable.

XI. No.

7.(a) Applications for licences may be submitted on any working day prior to the date of import clearance.

(b) If, for various reasons, the product has not arrived within the time stipulated and an application has been submitted, then yes, an extension can be granted, provided a request is made.

(c) There are no limitations.

(d) Consideration is effected by a single administrative organ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

8. There are no reasons for refusal other than those that derive from failure to comply with the requirements and in all cases the interested party is notified so that the errors observed can be rectified.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licences as long as they are registered as such in the Register of Importers of the National Customs Directorate; also eligible are fractioning and distribution companies and liquid petroleum gas (LPG) storage facilities that are duly registered and authorized at the LPG Department overseen by the Directorate-General of Fuels at the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Only fractioning and distribution companies and liquid petroleum gas (LPG) storage facilities are entitled to register.

A fee is charged for registration by fractioning and distribution companies and liquid petroleum gas (LPG) storage facilities, which are the only entities authorized to import.

There is no published list of authorized importers, although the information is available at the request of the interested parties.

Documentary and other requirements for licence applications

10. The information required in import licence applications is indicated on the respective application form. The process for importing the liquid petroleum gas (LPG) products covered by the tariff headings referred to in Article 3 of Decree 7427/2017 will be conducted through the Single Window for Imports (VUI) and will include completion of an electronic form and submission of the following supporting documents:

- (a) product import bill;
- (b) certificate of quality at source;
- (c) payment of fees for services rendered on the basis of the prior import licence.

11. In all cases, in addition to the import licence, the documents needed for import clearance are required.

12. A fee will be payable, the amount of which is pending regulation.

13. A fee will be payable, the amount of which is pending regulation.

Conditions of licensing

14. Import licences for liquid petroleum gas (LPG) products are valid for 30 days from the date of issue, with the possibility of extension at the importer's request.

15. No.

16. Licences are non-transferrable and are issued only to the holders themselves or to authorized persons or agents duly accredited as such.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. There are no restrictions on access to foreign exchange.
